

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraphs 8, 38 and 59 as follows:

[0008] The valve mechanism 111 is provided with a cam 112 that rotates together with the valve, and this cam controls the connecting mechanism 116, sealing ring support 118 and this valve mechanism. When the valve 113 is in the closed state as illustrated in the drawing, the connecting mechanism ~~444~~116 is such that the locking member 115 is in the outside position in the radial direction (~~unlocked~~locked position), thus permitting the male coupling member to be inserted into or withdrawn from the female coupling member, and also the purge mechanism 118 allowing the fluid pressure from the fluid passage 114 to be released into the outside. In this state, the sleeve 117 engages the locking member 115, so the valve cannot be rotated (namely, the cam cannot move the sleeve 121b and sleeve 117 to the right). If the male coupling member is inserted in this state, the locking member 115 can be moved to the inside position in the radial direction (unlocked position), and if the valve 113 is rotated to the open state, the cam 112 pushes the sleeve 121b and sleeve 117 so that the purge passage 119 of the purge mechanism 118 is blocked by the sealing rings 112a, 112a, and at the same time, the sleeve 117 secures the locking member 115 in the locked position. Conversely, when the valve 113 is returned to the closed state, the sleeve 121b is moved to the left by a spring 124 located between it and the sleeve 117 and returned to the position of FIG. 15, so the fluid pressure within the fluid passage can be released through the purge mechanism 118 and the connection to the male coupling member can be released.

[0038] FIG. 16 is a side view of FIG. ~~46~~15.

[0059] The gasket 39 engaged to the outside surface of the valve 24 is mounted within the primary side (conduit connector 35 side) of the fluid passage 23 of the body 22, and pressed against the valve ~~25~~24 by a cylindrical pressing body

40 urged by a spring 42 (while this is not clear in the figure, the valve 24 is slightly smaller in diameter than the valve body mounting hole 27, so the gasket 39 intrudes slightly into the valve body mounting hole 27 and contacts the outside surface of this valve).